

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-3, 6-10, 12-17, 19-21, and 23-24 will be pending.

The Examiner has objected to claims 4, 5, 10 and 17 as being substantially duplicative of claims 2, 3, 7 and 14 (should they be found allowable). Claims 4 and 5 have been canceled. Claim 10 has been amended to incorporate the elements of claim 11, and claim 11 has been canceled. Claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the elements of claim 18, and claim 18 has been canceled. Accordingly, the Examiner's objection is believed to be overcome.

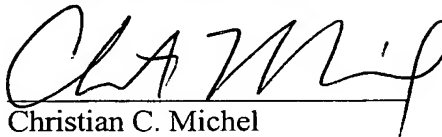
The Examiner has rejected claims 1-19 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §112(2) as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. With respect to claims 1, 4, 6, 10, 13 and 17, the Examiner suggests that the degree of refractive index of the coating layer relative to other refractive indices is unclear. Claims 1, 6, 10, 13 and 17 have been amended to clarify that the refractive index of the coating layer is *between the first refractive index and the third refractive index*. Claim 4 has been canceled. Accordingly, the rejection is believed to be overcome by the amendment.

The Examiner has rejected claim 21, alleging that the phrase "substantially similar" renders the claim indefinite. Applicants traverse this rejection on the ground that the claim limitation "substantially similar" as used in claim 21 is not indefinite. Claim 20 recites that the adhesive "has a refractive index closer to the second refractive index (second lens) than said first refractive index (first lens), and said

coating layer has a refractive index between the first refractive index (first lens) and the refractive index of the adhesive." Thus, if there is a continuum between the first and second refractive indices, the refractive index of the adhesive lies closer to the index of the second lens than that of the first lens. The claim does not require the refractive index of the adhesive to be *different* than the refractive index of the second lens, as suggested by the Examiner, merely *closer* to the index of the second lens than the index of the first lens.

In view of the above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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